

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our appreciation for the work done by all associated with Pascack Valley Hospital and wishing them many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING HENRY "HANK" AARON ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BREAKING MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HOME RUN RECORD AND RECOGNIZING HIM AS ONE OF THE GREATEST BASEBALL PLAYERS OF ALL TIME

SPEECH OF

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 19, 1999*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the greatest baseball players in history—Henry "Hank" Aaron. During his major league career—a career which spanned nearly a quarter century—Hank Aaron broke more batting records than any other player in Major League baseball.

Twenty-five years ago, on April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron hit his 715th home run—breaking the Major League Record for career home runs held previously by Babe Ruth. Hank Aaron still holds a place in the heart of every baseball fan. Along with Ruth, Willie Mays, and Ted Williams, Aaron was recently elected by the fans to the MasterCard All-Century Team.

But Hank Aaron was more than just batting titles, All-Star games and home run records. He was an important part of my childhood, and the childhood of anyone growing up in Milwaukee in the 1950's. I remember going to Milwaukee County Stadium to watch the great Milwaukee Braves teams of the 1950s. The Stadium was always packed—even though Milwaukee was the second smallest city in the Major Leagues, the Milwaukee Braves were the first National League team to draw two million fans in a season.

Hank Aaron was the reason so many people came to watch the Braves. He began his career with Milwaukee in 1952, when a scout recruited him for a Braves farm team. Two years later, Aaron made his first major league appearance. He went on to spend 13 years with the Milwaukee Braves, hitting a total of 398 home runs and leading the Braves to two league pennants and a World Series victory in 1957. On September 20, 1965, Aaron became the last Milwaukee player to hit a home run in Milwaukee County Stadium.

Nearly a decade later, after a brilliant career in Atlanta, Aaron returned to Milwaukee—this time for the Milwaukee Brewers. He ended his career there, retiring in 1976.

Hank Aaron is an integral part of the history of baseball and the history of Milwaukee. I am pleased to join my colleagues in honoring Hammerin' Hank Aaron.

TRIBUTE TO THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS UNIT

**HON. FLOYD SPENCE**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 20, 1999*

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House that the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Unit at Chapin High School, in Chapin, South Carolina, has been selected as the "Most Outstanding NJROTC Unit in the Nation" by the Navy League of the United States. Recently, I had the great pleasure to present the Navy League Trophy to Chapin High School NJROTC Unit Commanding Officer David James Riser at a ceremony at the Chapin High School Stadium. This recognition was well received by those in attendance, and it was an obvious source of pride for the entire student body, as well as the faculty and the parents of the cadets.

The Chapin High School NJROTC Unit is composed of a dynamic group of cadets that should serve as a model for others to follow across our Nation. This Unit has a diverse cadet population that includes: a class president, a homecoming queen, Eagle Scouts, the leader of the State Championship SAT Team, the editor of the school newspaper, the captain of the football team, the captain of the soccer team, the captain of the cross country track team, All-State Athletes, 46 varsity athletes, 16 school band members, cheerleaders, and other dedicated students. The NJROTC Unit was established at Chapin High School in 1996, with 42 cadets. From the start, this Unit excelled, being named the "Best New Unit" by the Area Commander for its first year. Three years later, the Unit has grown to include 16 percent of the school enrollment, with a waiting list of 35 students.

The Chapin High School NJROTC Unit is led by two experienced Naval Science Instructors, Colonel Richard C. Slack and Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles W. Cook. Colonel Slack has had a distinguished career in the United States Marine Corps. Upon graduation from East Tennessee State University in 1967, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. In 1969, then-First Lieutenant Slack was designated as a Naval Aviator and he served in Southeast Asia for thirteen months. He progressed through the officer ranks for more than twenty years, also earning a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University, in Saint Louis, Missouri, and a Master of International Strategy and Policy degree from the Naval War College, in Providence, Rhode Island. Colonel Slack served as the Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) from 1989–1991, and he retired in 1996, as the Commanding Officer and Professor of Naval Science for the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at The University of South Carolina.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles W. Cook is the Associate Naval Science Instructor at Chapin High School. A native of Irmo, South Carolina, Senior Chief Cook attended Benedict College, The University of South Carolina, and DePaul University. He completed twenty years of active duty in the United States Navy, with

eight years of regular duty and twelve years of recruiting duty. Among the honors that have been received by Senior Chief Cook during his Naval career are the "Sailor of the Year Award," the "National Recruiter of the Year Award," the "Recruiter-in-Charge of the Year Award," and the "Zone Supervisor of the Year Award."

The Commanding Officer of the Chapin High School NJROTC Unit is David James Riser, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wayne Riser, of Chapin. David Riser is an outstanding young man who has excelled in many areas as a student. He is the recipient of the "First Place Chapin NJROTC Academic Award," the "Certificate of Honorable (Cum Laude) Mention on the National Latin Examination," and the "Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Composition," among other awards. He also is a South Carolina Junior Scholar and he has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Prior to his position as Commanding Officer, Cadet Riser served as the Supply Officer, and, then, as the Operations Officer of his NJROTC Unit.

Mr. Speaker, I was an NROTC Midshipman at The University of South Carolina, and that experience provided the foundation upon which I have built my career in public service. As the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, I am a strong supporter of the JROTC and the ROTC Programs. The fine cadets at Chapin High School are excellent examples of what the JROTC Program stands for. I am very proud of what this outstanding group of high school students has accomplished. Since being established in 1996, the NJROTC Unit at Chapin High School has doubled in size, and 51 percent of the Freshman Class have enrolled in the NJROTC Unit for the 1999/2000 academic year. The Chapin High School NJROTC cadets have worked tirelessly to prove that they exemplify excellence, and I would like to offer my congratulations to them for being named the most outstanding NJROTC Unit in the Nation for 1999 by the Navy League of the United States.

TRIBUTE TO BILL GARRETT

**HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 20, 1999*

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, in 1990 during my race for Governor of Georgia I had the privilege to meet and get to know Heath Garrett, then a student at the University of Georgia. In the years since, Heath became my campaign manager, my Chief of Staff, and always my friend.

As our friendship grew, I came to know Heath's father, Bill. On the evening of October sixteenth, Bill Garrett passed away, the victim of a heart attack and a lifetime battle with diabetes. I rise today, to pay tribute to the life of Bill Garrett.

During the past year, Bill volunteered in my Congressional District Office 4 hours a day answering the phone and greeting constituents. He always answered the phone the same way, "Johnny Isakson's office, Bill Garrett how may I help you." Bill Garrett's voice was always pleasant, and his "how may I help you" assured the caller he really wanted to help.